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## LIFE AMONG EVER-GLADES OF FLORIDA

### EARL DUTTON TELLS OF FIRST FEW DAYS IN SOUTHLAND

Earl Dutton who, with Tod Wilkes arrived in Florida December 19th, in a letter to his father Enos Dutton of this city, gives an interesting account of his first few days' impressions and experiences. It reads as follows:

Crystal River, Fla., Dec. 21, 1925  
Dear Father and All:

We are located at Crystal River and are working on a big hotel at Monocassia, seven miles from here but have pavement all the way and it only takes a few minutes to drive it. We started in at \$1.00 per hour with a chance of a raise. It has been quite rainy since we have been here although it is warm. I am bare headed and perspiring, so you can see that the atmosphere is quite different from Northern Michigan. The kids about the streets are shooting fireworks to celebrate Christmas; you would think it was the 4th of July. It surely seems funny for December.

We got here last Saturday noon and went to work Tuesday noon. We had some drive thru the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee. Todd (Wilkes) smashed three fenders of his car; he hit everything he saw. He sure is clumsy with a car.

I got up one morning and took a boat before breakfast and went out on the river and I will bet I saw a truck load of fish and there was an alligator about four feet long, lying out in the sun next to the bank, but when he saw me he sure made things fly getting into the river, and he made straight for the weed bed and out of sight. We ran over a snake in the road that was about as big around as my arm at the shoulder. They call it a gopher snake. It was about five feet long.

I also saw the skin of a diamond-back rattler that a fellow here had just killed. The skin was six feet long and twelve inches wide, and the rattlers were about as big around as my finger and about as long. It had 11 pairs.

They say there aren't many snakes here but when you do see one it is a real snake. The gopher snake that we ran over they say are a harmless kind.

The first Sunday we were here we met Doll Emory and her father (Wm. Emory of Roscommon) and we all got in Doll's car and drove to Tampa. We went thru large orange groves and grapefruit and tangerine groves,

cotton fields and peanut plantations and then we crossed the famous bridge on Tampa Bay, going to St. Petersburg. It is four and a half miles long and is a beautiful sight. I saw a whole school of porpoises and they roll up on top of the water and look as big as a horse. We drove thru one place where it was all peaches as far as the eye could reach.

The country around here where we are is ninety per cent wild—a great deal like Northern Michigan, only is lower and water land; does not look as good as Michigan. The pine looks a lot like our Norway and they top it for turpentine. There are lots of palm trees and water oak. The camp grounds where we are camped are covered with water oak trees, and I will send you a picture of it.

I sent Marland (his son) a box of grapefruit and oranges today. The fruit cost 40 cents but it cost \$1.95 to send it, so it isn't any saving to buy fruit here and send it home, and besides it may be frozen when it gets there.

This is all the news for this time. Will write you again soon.  
Good bye, love to all.

Your son,  
Earl (Dutton.)

## FRANCES CORWIN WINS DOLL CONTEST

### MUCH INTEREST SHOWN, RESULT DECIDED LAST HOUR

Much enthusiasm was manifest in the recent doll contest held at the Mac & Gidley store from November 28th to Christmas Eve at 10 o'clock, when a number of Grayling's younger generation of girls up to 13 years of age were contestants.

Miss Francis Jane Corwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin entered the race early and worked unceasingly for first place which she won by a close margin. Miss Audrey Brado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brado followed a close second. Christmas morning the prizes were awarded the fifteen little girls who were most happy upon receiving one of the dolls, all of which were beautiful. Following are the winners:

- 1st, Francis Corwin.
- 2nd, Audrey Brado.
- 3rd, Helen McLeod.
- 4th, Marie Buck.
- 5th, Tillie Collen.
- 6th, Josephine Robarge.
- 7th, Joyce Smith.
- 8th, Betty DeFrain.
- 9th, Ruth St. Pierre.
- 10th, Margaret Kesseler.
- 11th, Vivian Dawson.
- 12th, Iris Wirtanen.
- 13th, Yvonne La Grow.
- 14th, Lela Gierke.
- 15th, Beverly Schabell.

## 1000 PEOPLE HEAR XMAS CAROLS

### 600 CHILDREN RECEIVED PRESENTS FROM SANTA.

It is estimated that nearly 1000 people attended the municipal Christmas tree ceremonies Christmas eve, and listened to the Grayling band and to a trained chorus of carolers, while about 600 presents were given out to the children by the Knights of Pythias.

The band began the program at 6:30 o'clock and continued until a large truck containing the group of singers arrived. The latter arrived from the east, singing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and stopped opposite the tree and continued the carols with the following songs: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night."

"O, Come All Ye Faithful." Each number was beautifully rendered and generously applauded.

Then as the carolers drove away the band played softly while from the distant north could be heard the sound of sleigh bells and soon Old Santa himself arrived, driving a team of horses hitched to a large sleigh which was heaped high with presents, candy, nuts and popcorn balls. Santa explained that as they were passing the Hanson ranch north of T-Town which the Michigan herd of reindeer had occupied three years ago, that his reindeer wanted to stop off for a visit to the former home of their brothers and sisters, so he secured a team of horses and sleigh from Tony Nelson with which to continue the trip to Grayling.

Santa had a lot of help in unloading the presents. Six hundred boys and girls received sacks of candy, nuts and popcorn balls and about 400 under the age of nine years received presents, each valued at from 25 cents to \$3.00. There were dolls, games, pocket knives, drums, footballs, and a lot of other nice gifts.

When Santa finished giving his presents to the Grayling kiddies only about a half dozen gifts remained unclaimed for and these were distributed to the missing youngsters later. It was a happy time for the children and more so for the Pythians who fostered the affair.

Many fine compliments have been paid the Good Fellowship club, and the Village Council for the beautiful tree; nearly 80 feet high, all electrically lighted with green and red lights and decorated in real Christmas fashion. It was a pretty and inspiring sight. The singing, which was under direction of Mrs. Clippert, who presided at the piano, was very much enjoyed by everyone. Later this group went to the hospital and other places where songs were sung.

There was a happy crowd of children in Grayling that night and Santa was kept busy shaking hands with many of the little ones. We are sure

the occasion will not soon be forgotten by many of those who were so fortunate as to have been present.

### Thank Those Who Helped

The Good Fellowship Club, that sponsored the Community Tree, feel very grateful to the people of Grayling for responding so generously to the affair. They wish to thank the Village Council for their cooperation in procuring and lighting the tree; Mr. Fehr for supervising the tree and its lighting; Mr. Yoder for his assistance in decorating the tree, Mr. Welsh for the use of the truck for the singers; the Citizens band for their music which added generously to the success of the affair; the carolers for their able assistance and the many others who contributed in any way to the success of the occasion.

The Christmas tree has a legitimate and valuable place in life. It is the insignia of the Christ spirit thru the holiday season and it is indeed well that in the hustle and bustle of remembering our own families and friends that we should pause and share with all the community in our hour of song and merry making.

### MRS. FRED LARSEN, JOHANNESBURG PASSES AWAY

News of the death of Mrs. Fred Larsen, at her home in Johannesburg, Saturday morning was a shock to Grayling friends and relatives.

Mrs. Larsen had been ill for a couple of weeks with a bad cold, but was recovering and able to be about her home. She had served a Christmas dinner, her daughter coming home from school at Mt. Pleasant, and her son Alfred and family were also guests. She arose as usual the following morning and after breakfast laid down for a few moments and soon after passed away.

Karen Kristina Rasmussen, was born in Denmark and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mads Rasmussen. She accompanied her parents to Grayling from Denmark in 1888, and the following year she was united in marriage to Fred Larsen. To them five children were born, three of whom survive—Alfred, Margaret and Laura. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen resided in Grayling until 1893 when they moved to Johannesburg, the Johannesburg Manufacturing Co. being established at that time, and Mr. Larsen is still in their employ. Mrs. Larsen was 55 years 7 months and 22 days old, and had not been in good health for the past five years. She had hosts of friends in Grayling and was a frequent visitor here.

Besides her husband and children she is survived by two sisters and four brothers—Mrs. Marie Hanson, Mrs. Peter Petersen, and Peter Madsen of this city, Rasmus Madsen, Johannesburg, Johannes of Newberry and Carl of Gaylord. The remains were brot to Grayling for burial Monday, services being held at the Danish Lutheran church. The church was in its Christmas attire and the candles on the Christmas trees were lighted after an impressive sermon by Rev. Kjolhede. The remains were accompanied to Grayling by Mr. Larsen and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larsen and Rasmus Madsen of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Madsen of Gaylord. There was a large congregation of old neighbors and friends of the family in attendance also.

### FREDERIC SCHOOL GIVES XMAS PROGRAM

The pupils of Frederic school did themselves proud when they presented a fine Christmas program Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd.

The big school gymnasium was filled to capacity and the program is reported to have been to a considerable extent the most successful and interesting that has ever been presented by the school. Much credit for this success is due to the efforts of Supt. Payne and his teachers in the careful drilling given the pupils.

The program was exceptionally well rendered and fittingly concluded with a beautiful tableau by the girls of the High school, and the latter are deserving of special credit; all who were present claim it was very beautiful. The program as rendered was as follows:

Christmas Program  
Song—Xmas Bells.....Primary room  
A Welcome.....4th Graders  
Papa's Darling.....Catherine Ensign  
Xmas Greetings.....6 Primary Pupils  
Song—O! Jolly Old St. Nick

Intermediate Room  
The Lookout Man.....Beatrice Murphy  
Dialogue in 2 acts,  
"Living the Xmas Spirit."  
(Several days are supposed to have elapsed between acts.)  
A Letter to Saint Nick

Orville Murphy,  
Song.....by High School  
Santa's Mistake.....Doris Goshorn,  
Sanford Charron.

Xmas Stockings.....Ira Welsh,  
Baby's Stocking.....Marjorie Goshorn,  
Outside.....Shirley Corsaut.  
Dialogue, Santa's Lost Boys  
Ashley Short.

Second Graders,  
A Present for Santa.....Maxine Sheldon,  
What Santa Calls Him.....Floyd Ensign.  
Dialogue, A Xmas Arithmetic Lesson  
Primary Pupils.

Family Troubles.....Helma Corsaut  
A Possibility.....Frank Gerin  
Xmas Coon Song Gram. Grade Pupils.

A Xmas Tree Farm.....Lloyd Highlen,  
Signs of Xmas.....Clara Hunter  
Song.....by High School.  
Santa's Latest.....Ida Thayer  
A Present for Mama.....Erma Barber,  
Hang Up the Baby's Stocking

Helen Badder,  
Good Night Song.....Ferris Parsons,  
Ernest Richard.  
A Young Santa Claus  
Fremont Ensign,  
Tableau.....by High School.

## FALLEN LIVE WIRE SHORTS CIRCUIT

### GRAYLING IN DARKNESS FOUR NIGHTS.

#### Much Damage Done Transformers and Generator

The falling of a high tension electric wire of the Michigan Public Service Co., at Indian River Christmas night at about 10:30 o'clock did much damage to the local equipment burning out a large transformer, a meter and generator and plunging the city into darkness.

The cause of the fallen wire is not definitely known but the effect thereof was instantaneous and greatly destructive causing great financial loss besides the loss of service for several days.

A special crew of electricians skilled in repair work was dispatched Saturday afternoon to Grayling and work was begun at once on the repairing of the damage. Six men worked night and day on the job and it was not until Tuesday forenoon that the burned out coils could be repaired and again ready for service.

Unfortunately for the local consumers about the time that the Electric Co. was ready to turn on service, an accident to the Bell telephone system occurred at the corner of Cedar and Lake streets letting telephone lines down onto the electric lines which delayed the electric service until nearly five o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Everything is in working order again and it is hoped that there may be no further troubles to delay the service. Those in Grayling using electricity were greatly inconvenienced during the time the lines were being repaired, and now have a greater appreciation than ever for the good electric service. Going about the home with lighted lamps and flickering candles is anything but pleasant. Many homes were not provided with lamps and had to depend upon candles entirely.

Well, it's all over now, and probably won't occur again. At least we all hope it won't.

### National Guard

The allotment of National Guardsmen given to a state was determined by a general board which convened for the purpose of allocation of those units. The allotment, although primarily based on population, took into consideration other factors as well.



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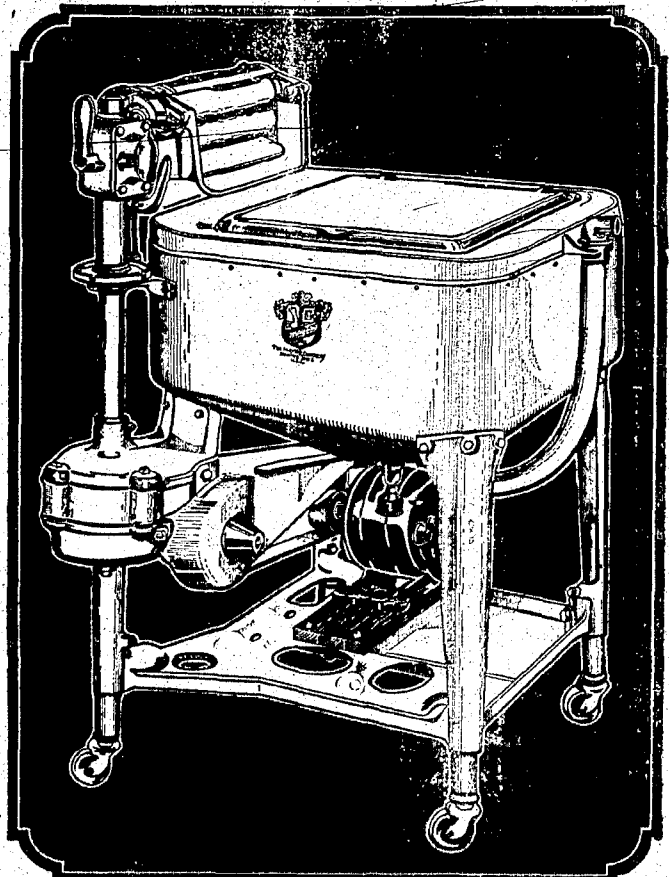
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## "The Mollusc," a Remarkable Play

Popular Three-Act Comedy to Be Given Here on Interstate Lyceum Course—Professional Cast.



Scenes From  
"The Mollusc"

"The Mollusc," which is to be presented here on the local Lyceum, is a remarkable play. It is a three-act comedy of English domestic life.

Mr. Hubert Henry Davies, the author, went to the animal kingdom to get a name for his comedy, and a definition of the besetting weakness of the principal character in it, Mrs. Baxter. In the mollusc he found an animal of kindred nature, hence "The Mollusc," which sets forth in comical situations that the indolence of the idle rich becomes a disease of such a character that they use force to resist the effects of friendly efforts to cure them.

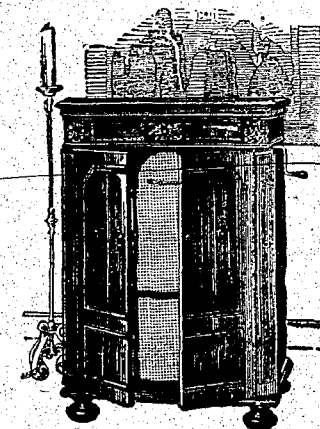
Mrs. Baxter is a human mollusc—that's what her brother calls her. Young, beautiful, healthy, pampered, indolent, but withal she is the idol of her family and a source of worry to her husband. Her adoring brother, Tom Kemp, sets himself the task of curing his sister, and, aided by a charming and attractive governess, Miss Roberts, is able to show his sister the weak points in her character so that in a woman's way she restores love and order in a house about to fall.

"The Mollusc" enjoys the distinction of having been presented by four of America's most distinguished actors, Mr. Kyrle Bellew, Mr. William Faversham, Miss Maxine Elliott, and Mr. George Arliss, and Sir Charles Wyndham of England.

There are two hours of laughter in the play, but behind each laugh there is an idea, and in back of it all there's a worthy moral.

The present cast of "The Mollusc" is made up of the best class of professional theatrical people thoroughly in line with Lyceum ideals.

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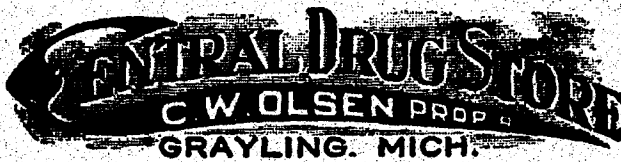




## Happy New Year!

We hope that the new year will bring  
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

### FREDERIC NEWS

George Sheldon has moved to town for the winter.

Supervisor Goshorn is advancing his fuel supply for the coming snow storms.

John Highlen has been confined to home for several days, suffering from a sprain caused from a fractured hip some years ago.

The Rev. Crandall and Prof. Payne are receiving great honor for conducting the most enjoyable Christmas exercises ever held at Frederic. Santa received a wonderful present also.

Charles Badder's family were surely glad to get their freedom from chickenpox and enjoy the Christmas entertainments.

Yes, E. Highlen admits he cannot play basketball, but he will go six rounds with any man in town with the padded mitts.

Albert Lewis is sending the logs endways over the hills to Waters. C. S. Barber and sons are making the woods ring with falling timber.

Otis Weaver is surely doing his part with the Giant Caterpillar for the Lewis Lumber Company at Waters.

The spirit of religion is greatly revived since the Rev. Crandall has taken charge of the M. P. church. All clean American people are especially invited.

Mrs. Crandall, wife of Rev. Crandall is surely drawing people nearer to God by her soprano solos. Her wonderful voice is considered to be second to none by her hearers. Come out people and enjoy real spiritual meetings. Ex-Rev. J. S. Highlen will give aid to the services whenever convenient with his baritone and bass.

The boys and girls' high school bas-

ket ball teams are feeling great pride after their double-header victories over from Gaylord.

Don Sheldon and Don McCormick are enjoying the winter in Florida. Well! Wish we were with 'em.

### ELDORADO NUGGETS.

Miss Hester Hanson returned Monday after spending the holiday vacation with her parents in Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartman left Saturday for Flint to be at the bedside of their son John W., who received serious injuries when the car in which he was riding collided with another which was backing out of an alley and showed no tail light.

Russell Stevens returned Saturday from Detroit where he and Mrs. Stevens spent Christmas with their parents and relatives. Mrs. Stevens will return later.

Louis Miller left Saturday for Detroit and Ann Arbor where he will spend a week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ingerson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Knecht at Grayling.

Roy Griffin, contractor for the Mio stage line, has installed a new snowmobile, making his first regular trip over the route with it Monday.

Mrs. Fred Hartman was quite ill Saturday and Sunday.

### LOVELLS NEWS.

The Christmas tree at Lovells was enjoyed by all. A program was given and Santa Claus was there as jolly as ever.

Rev. Rice of Big Rock was a caller here Wednesday.

Loretta Kneffler has gone to her home at West Branch for the holidays. Martha Stillwagon has returned home.

Lewis Stillwagon entertained his little friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his eighth birthday. It also being Ruth's birthday, the older folk gathered in the evening. Progressive pedro was played. Alfred Nephew and Mrs. A. Caid winning first prizes. Francis Nephew and Margaret Douglas won consolation prizes. After

lunch other games were played.

Mrs. O. Shreve has gone to Canada.  
G. Stillwagon made a trip to Gaylord.

## HOUSE BODY FAVORS SEPARATE AIR UNIT

Would Have It Equal of the War and Navy Departments.

Washington.—The special house aircraft committee, headed by Representative Florian Lampert (Rep., Wis.), agreed upon the adoption of a report calling for a separate department of national defense which would abolish the War and Navy departments as such, but would not necessarily give the air service a footing of equal importance. The report further demands a definite air building program over a period of five years with an annual appropriation of \$20,000,000.

The committee also urges the creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics. Representative Reid (Rep., Ill.), counsel for Col. William Mitchell before the army court-martial, who is a member of the Lampert committee, will file a supplementary brief advocating a unified air service, such as championed by Colonel Mitchell.

In a reassuring report on the condition of aviation in the United States, the national advisory committee for aeronautics informed President Coolidge that America is at least abreast of other progressive nations in the technical development of aircraft for military purposes.

President Coolidge immediately transmitted the report to congress with a letter in which he declared that the committee's opinion on America's aircraft standing, as compared with that of other nations, was the most authoritative that could be had.

Legislation creating a bureau of air navigation in the Department of Commerce for the purpose of aiding commercial navigation was urged by the committee and approved by President Coolidge.

### S. H. Thompson Heads Farm Bureau Federation

Chicago.—S. H. Thompson was elected head of the American Farm Bureau federation at the close of the organization's annual meeting at the Sherman hotel. Thompson defeated O. E. Bradtute of Xenia, Ohio. By acclamation Mr. Thompson was elected unanimously. Mr. O'Neal, without opposition, was re-elected vice president of the federation. Mr. Thompson leads the group of farmers who are fighting for the enactment of a federal bill that will include the principles of the McNary-Haugen measure, rejected by congress.

### Tacna-Arica to Hold Plebiscite on April 15

Arica, Chile.—The date for the Tacna-Arica plebiscite has been set for April 15 next, with January 15 as the date when the commission will pass on the electoral regulations and February 15 for registration. The motion to set these dates was made by General Pershing, who represents President Coolidge, the arbitrator in the dispute. It was supported by Senator Salomon of Peru. Senator Augustin Edwards, Chilean representative, bitterly opposed the April date. He wanted February 1 set as the date for the plebiscite.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.



At the close of the year 1925, may you look back and say it was "the happiest year of my life." On New Year Day we should be the architect, and, stepping into solitude, think on the means, the manner and the end. Begin by thinking and we will end by acting. Thinking and planning is the forerunner of intelligent and industrious action.

To plan our work on New Year's Day is starting something—Starting a year of prosperity; and prosperity usually brings happiness. May your New Year's plans be successful, is our earnest wish.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE.

## Local News

You may get your automobile licenses any time now at the County Treasurer's office.

Miss Virginia Hanson of Los Angeles is visiting her father, T. W. Hanson over the holidays.

Misses Ingeborg and Agnes Hanson returned Sunday night to Detroit after spending Christmas here.

Ernest Jorgenson returned to Flint Saturday after having spent Christmas at the home of his parents.

There will be a regular meeting of Grayling chapter O. E. S. No. 83 on Wednesday evening, January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Warner and son returned to their homes Sunday, after spending Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson and little daughter spent the week end in Reed City, visiting the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenson Ziebell spent several days visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wucker at Niles, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Levall enjoyed having their son Joseph Levall and daughter Miss Mary with them over Christmas. The latter expects to spend the winter with her parents.

Miss Claribel Lovely returned Sunday night to Bay City after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovely. Richard Lovely returned to Bay City Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright and daughter Mary Jane arrived last Thursday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck. Other guests at the Frank Peck home on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanselman and Dr. R. E. Goslow and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and daughter returned to their home in Lansing Saturday.

The local Postoffice is deserving of special praise for the excellent manner in which the mail was handled during the Christmas rush. Mr. Bates and the clerks were right on the job every minute in order to see that every piece of mail was handled expeditiously and correctly. It was a big job and required indefatigable effort and at times the force was just about ready to drop from exhaustion. We are sure the patrons of the office appreciate the service rendered.

Chris King doesn't have to go away from home to discover "acres of diamonds" for right here in our very door yards he has found unbounded opportunity for making money. For several years past he has been king of the berry buyers and now he is supplying the markets of Detroit, Chicago and other cities with ferns. Finding the ferns was an easy job, he said, but finding a market was a problem but he has this on a sound basis and it will mean harvest time whenever the grounds are free from snow. He has orders aggregating three million ferns for the earliest possible delivery.

John Yuill of Vanderbilt was the guest of Miss Lillian Ziebell over Christmas.

MRS. ROSA WATTS DIED SUNDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

While everyone seemingly was enjoying the Community Christmas tree and the carols on Christmas Eve, Mrs. Rosa Watts, a resident of Grayling for a long number of years, passed suddenly away at her home. The old lady's death was wholly unexpected and was a shock to her Grayling friends.

It had been the custom for several years for Mrs. Watts to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McNeven, in whose home she was a most welcome guest. At eight o'clock when she did not appear at their home, members of the family went to see what delayed her and found her dead. Mrs. Watts had been seen down town during the late afternoon so had not expired long before found. The deceased would have been 73 years old had she lived until New Year's day. She was the widow of the late Joseph Watts, who was accidentally drowned near the Cedar street bridge in 1910. Since her husband's death she had lived alone, but her neighbors and friends were most thoughtful of her and seen to it that she lived in comfort, and Mrs. Watts in return was most grateful to them.

A funeral was held Saturday afternoon with services at the home conducted by Rev. Baughn. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. William Hodges, a brother-in-law of the deceased of Saginaw came to be in attendance at the funeral.

### APPRECIATION

We take this way through the Avalanche, to thank every one who worked to help Frances Jane win the beautiful prize doll at the Rexall store, also Mac & Gidley's.

She certainly is one happy little girl, and has given her doll the name of Maxine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindnesses and sympathies during the late illness of my wife.

Wm. Reemer and relatives.

### Illustrated Sermon

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field," began Rev. H. Wittenburg in an outdoor service at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Just then a large black snake uncoiled itself from a tree overhead and dropped at his feet.

### Wash It Well

Never give any raw fruit to a child without first washing it. Not only may it contain germs from handling, but poisonous powders used to destroy insects may have fallen on it and cause serious illness.

## BANK MUNSEY DIES; LEFT \$40,000,000

New York Newspaper and Magazine Publisher Succumbs After Operation

New York.—Various estimates of the size of the late publisher, Frank Munsey's, fortune ranging from \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000, were made by men conversant in a general way with his holdings. Mr. Munsey died of peritonitis, the result of appendicitis. He was seventy-one.

With few relatives to whom he could leave his wealth, the impression is that those closest to him in business life would inherit his enterprises, which constituted the major part of the fortune. His business interests, though not diversified, were large. His chief interest was the Frank A. Munsey company, of which he was president and virtually sole owner.

The Munsey company was the concern which published his magazines, the Munsey Magazine, the Argosy-All Story Weekly and Flynn's, a detective story magazine, which was brought out only a year ago.

Mr. Munsey's closest relation was a sister, Mrs. John M. Hyde, at present in St. Petersburg, Fla. A grand-



Frank A. Munsey.

niece, Mrs. Allen W. Mansfield of Meriden, Conn., was with him when he died.

Mr. Munsey came to New York from his native Maine in 1892, when he was twenty-eight years old, bringing with him his entire worldly possessions, consisting of \$40 and a suitcase full of manuscript.

Mr. Munsey bought the New York Globe, New York's oldest newspaper, in 1923, and merged it with the Sun, and the following year he bought the Evening Mail and merged it with the Telegram. Last year he sold the New York Herald to the Tribune.

## Four Murders and Suicide Keep Chicago Police Busy

Chicago.—Four murders and a suicide occurring in the loop and on the far South side kept the police scurrying from early evening until late at night.

At Seventy-first street and California avenue Charles Brooks, an alleged beer runner and Edward Harman, county motorcycle policeman, were killed by gunmen who had taken them for a friendly ride.

In the Central Trust company bank at 125 West Monroe street, two watchmen—former policemen and old friends—quarreled and fought. Peter J. Furlong killed Harry Van Middleworth, and then, in remorse, committed suicide.

At 2131 East Seventy-fifth street Leo Real, twenty-three, a drug clerk was shot to death. His employer, William Outuros, accused escaping robbers. The murder is being investigated.

### Riffians Retreat After Setting Fire to Town

Casablanca, French Morocco.—Riff fanatics have evacuated Mahakma of Bon Adel and retreated to the north of the Ugergha river after setting fire to the town, says a French communique.

The statement adds that the extent of the reversals which Abd-El Krim has undergone since October 1 is becoming more apparent every day and that the movement of submission among the tribes has extended to the region of the Djebel-Indefel. Submissions of tribesmen also have been reported in the Spanish zone.

## La Follette Asks Senate to Act in Hard Coal Crisis

Washington.—Senator La Follette (Rep., Wis.), asked the senate to call on the Treasury department for a report showing the financial ramifications of the anthracite coal operators. Immediate consideration of the resolution was blocked by Senator Reed (Rep., Pa.).

### Exchange Ex-President Dies

New York.—H. K. Pomeroy of the firm of J. W. Davis & company died. His death was announced from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange, of which he has been a member since 1878 and was three times president.

### Mexico-U. S. Treaty Signed

Washington.—Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Tellez of Mexico signed an anti-smuggling and supplementary extradition treaty.

### Remove the Stains

When the glass oven door becomes blackened and you are unable to see the food in the oven, use baking soda as you would a soap powder, and the door will become bright and clean.

### Art and Religion

The finest souls find escape from life in art, the lowlier souls find escape in religion; when I say escape I mean hope of escape, for escape there is none.—George Moore.

### Invincible Air

"Well, man's conquest of the air is certainly an achievement," said Gush-ly.

"Yep, I s'pose it is," said his friend, Watrag, "but the trouble about conquering the atmosphere is that the darned thing doesn't know when it is licked."—Farm Life.

### Might Have Been Worse

Dobbs—The man in the next apartment isn't such a bad chap, after all. Hobs—Is that so?

Dobbs—Yes. After he had awakened our baby last night with his saxophone he kept right on playing so I couldn't hear it crying.

### Social Position Assured

"I hope this explosion of ours isn't going to injure us socially," remarked Eve ruefully.

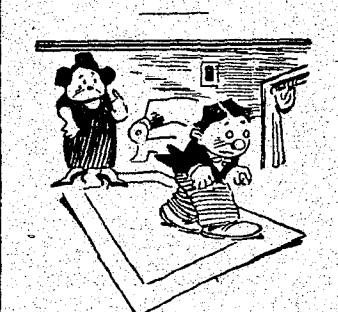
"Oh, I think not," returned Adam calmly. "Nothing of the sort can prevent us from heading the list of the first families, you know."

### The Proper Care of Husbands

"So you let your husband carry a latchkey?"

"Oh, just to humor him. He likes to show it to his friends to let them see how independent he is—but it doesn't fit the door!"—The Passing Show (London).

### SPEEDING PARTING GUEST



Hostess—Going so soon, Mr. Parting?

Mr. Parting—No, I'm not going for at least an hour, but I have to begin to start the engine of my second-hand car.

### Left With Thorn

Talks about the roses  
Where the light is born,  
When the darkness closes,  
Leaves us with the thorn.

### Best Time to Call

Bill Collector—Can you pay this little account today, sir?

Debtor—You call at such inconvenient times.

"Well, sir, what time would best suit you for me to call?"

"Oh, call when I'm out!"

### Kindly Judge

"Thirty dollars fine for colliding. But how did it happen?"

"Your honor, I was trying to kiss the girl with me."

"Did you get the kiss?"

"No, sir."

"Make the fine \$10."

### Vain Search

His Bride-Edict—You're so late we'll have to postpone our wedding.

The Bridegroom—It would have to be, anyway. I've been hunting all over town for a union preacher and haven't found one yet.

### Sticking It Out

Mrs. McTavish—You're as well as I am and able to be up!

Sandy—Na, na. I'm a sick mon till day after tomorrow. D'ye think I want to waste a half-bottle of medicine?

### Comparison

"Cows have a strange look, almost as if they thought. But they don't. I have seen the same look on women's faces."—Copenhagen Berlingske Tidende.

## Classified Ads

WANTED—HOUSEWORK. WRITE Mrs. L. Eashmun, Frederic, Mich.

GOOD HOME FOR SALE—CHEAP, and on easy terms. Inquire at Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.

WANTED—TO RENT A PIANO for the winter. Leave word at the Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—35 ACRE, CHAS. BLAIR farm quarter mile west of Grayling. Fine location on AuSable River. Write Geo. McCullough, Grayling, Mich. tf.

FOR SALE—STRICTLY FRESH eggs. Leave orders at the Shoppenagon Tea Room.

WANTED—TO BUY A SECOND-Hand Sewing Machine. Must be in good condition. Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial Church. Notify Mrs. L. J. Kraus.

FOR SALE—FOR BEST OFFER BEFORE January 30th, 1926. The N.E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 and the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. Eight Beaver Creek Township, Crawford Co., Michigan. Ed. B. Franch, St. Charles, Minn.

FOR SALE—CHAS. BLAIR property west of Lake street bridge on AuSable river, containing 35 acres and a good house, barn and garage. Inquire of Geo. McCullough, Grayling, Mich. tf.

LOST—NOV. 6TH A HAND BAG containing two medicine cases and two stethoscopes. Liberal reward to finder. Leave information at Avalanche office. 12-3-2.

WASHING AND IRONING WANTED. Near South Side school. Mrs. Robarge.

FOR RENT—GOOD HOUSE NEAR South Side School. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

HOUSE FOR RENT—CLOSE TO Business section. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

## Happy New Year

GREETINGS of the new year to you all! May it bring you the best in the land and that which you desire most of all things.

We give you our warmest thanks for the patronage you have extended to us in such liberal portions, with the full assurance that no pains will be spared in the coming year to warrant a continuance of your friendship and support.

## Some Bargains to Take Advantage of

Skates—screw clamp—all sizes	\$1.50
Everwear Silk and Wool Sport Hose	1.50
Copper Toasters	30c
Carved percolator handles with fittings	45c
Yarn Mittens—a real bargain	50c
Leather-faced Gauntlets	34c
Dietz Lanterns—complete	95c
Black and White cleansing Cream	25c
Black and White Face Powder	25c

## S. B. Variety Store

F. J. McCLAIN, Mgr.



## Good Wishes for 1926

May it bring forth to you bounteous blessings and happiness and an abundance of prosperity. This is our sincere wish to the many patrons of this store.

You by your patronage, have helped to make our business a success. We are indeed grateful and extend our most sincere thanks.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons  
PHONE 1054



## Mac & Gidley

The Rexal Store

### Happy New Year

We are glad of this opportunity to extend to our friends and patrons Greetings and best wishes for the new year—

1926

May Health, Happiness and Prosperity follow you throughout the 365 days.

Sincerely yours,  
MAC & GIDLEY

#### LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Happy New Year to all.  
Don't forget to write "1926."  
Harry Helper left on a business trip to Detroit Wednesday night.  
Walter Buck came up from Detroit to visit his family over Christmas.  
Good home for sale. Cheap and on easy terms. Inquire at Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinnee of Gaylord are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappel.  
Emerson Brown is home from Ypsilanti for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

The Board of Supervisors will convene next Monday, Jan. 4th.

Edwin S. Chalker of Detroit is visiting his family over the holidays.

Emil Niederer has started to cut ice. It is about six inches thick.

Miss Angela Amborski visited at her home in Gaylord over Christmas.

Mrs. M. A. Atkinson and daughter Clara spent Christmas with relatives in Bay City.

Miss Lucilda Collen of Detroit is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Collen.

Miss Mildred Bates returned this afternoon from Detroit, where she had spent a few days visiting Misses Virginia and Helen Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Spencer Holse, nee Ruth McCullough of Detroit over the holidays.

Mrs. Ralph Routier and son Ralph of Detroit are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman. Mr. Routier spent Christmas here.

Mrs. Edward King of Flint is visiting relatives and friends here over New Year's.

Mrs. Chas. Ewalt and daughter Ila of Mackinaw City are visiting over New Year's with friends.

Miss Anna Nelson of Grand Rapids is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hughes and family entertained Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sayve of Flint over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doroh had the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ketzbeck of Detroit as their Christmas guests.

Miss Beatrice Trudo returned home Tuesday from Caro, where she spent about ten days visiting her brother Harvey and family.

Miss Janet and Farnum Matson returned to Detroit Sunday night after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efrer Matson.

Frank Whipple of Lansing was in Grayling over Christmas visiting his daughters Mrs. Russell Cripps and family and Miss Clara Whipple.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will be held Friday afternoon, January 8th. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald and baby of Grand Rapids visited at the home of Mrs. Fitzgerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown had as their guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff and Miss Ruth Woodruff and Mr. Charles Lorange of Bay City.

A "Maytag" electric washer dispels blue Mondays; means economy and comfort in the home. Easy terms. Inquire at Grayling Electric Co. offices, Cedar St. Phone 292.

Supt. and Mrs. B. E. Smith have as their guest over the holidays the former's sister, Miss Eva Smith of River Rouge where she is teacher of music in the public schools.

Miss Ona Lozon who is employed in Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon of Maple Forest. She returned to Detroit Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Chicago arrived Tuesday to be the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown, over New Year's. Roy Brown of Bay City visited his parents over Christmas.

Miss Christine Salling is home from Alma where she is teaching, for the holidays. The Spencer Mielstrup family, who were guests at the Salling home over Christmas, returned to their home in Detroit Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Green and children returned home Saturday from Detroit. Mr. Green who was injured some time ago in Detroit is able to be around with the aid of crutches and is recovering very nicely.

Miss Eleanore Schumann left Sunday night after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schumann, to spend the remainder of her vacation in Grand Rapids, Hastings and Grand Haven. She will return to Boyne City Sunday to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools.

Skating is the popular out-door sport among our young people at present, and this region is ideal for that excellent recreation. It builds healthy and robust bodies and a complexion that cannot be equalled by the finest cosmetics. If you haven't tried this sport, now is the time to get a pair of skis and add get onto one of our many hillsides.

Miss Francella Failing of Detroit returned last night after spending Christmas with her father, Alvin B. Failing. She was accompanied by Miss Margaret Phelps, daughter of S. S. Phelps, who spent several days here—the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson. Miss Margaret is a senior in the Southern High school in Detroit.

Miss Doris Cummins of Dean street was hostess at her home on Saturday afternoon, complimenting Mrs. Hardin C. Sweeney, who is here from the east to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brink, before sailing with her husband, Captain Sweeney, January 6th for several years in the Philippine Islands.—Bay City Times-Tribune.

With no motive power until late Tuesday afternoon and then only at night it has been a most perplexing task to publish a newspaper this week and it was only by working late nights that we have been able to do so at all. It has been necessary to reduce typesetting and presswork to the minimum. We are very sorry to have to do this but there seems to be no alternative. We don't like to ask our always willing and faithful employees to work New Year eve, and we don't believe our readers would want us to do so. We are promised full-time electric service again soon, which will be most welcome at the Avalanche office.

One of the loveliest of the holiday season affairs was a luncheon given by Mrs. Esbern Hanson to the ladies of the Bridge club Monday afternoon. The luncheon was served on a long table in the dining room and the decorations were in the beautiful Christmas reds and greens. The table was centered with a large bouquet of red roses while at each place were nut cups either shaped like snow balls or snow men, a bright red snapper containing a cap, and a miniature candle place card which marked the places for the fifteen guests. The afternoon was spent playing bridge, Mrs. E. A. Mason holding the highest score.

Christmas services at St. Mary's church at Midnight Christmas eve and Christmas morning were beautiful and both were very well attended. At the midnight mass there was a large crowd of not only Catholic people but those of other denominations as well. The music by the choir, which is always specially prepared on such an occasion, was excellently rendered and as the music resounded throughout the church it left a deep impression upon the congregation. The altars of the church were beautiful with Christmas trees and pine twigs, and poinsettias were very artistically arranged, and with the lighted candles were very attractive. Rev. Fr. J. J. Culligan had a fine Christmas message for his parishoners, which impressed his congregation very much. There was a large number of communicants at both masses.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnea visited in Clare over Christmas, making the trip by motor.

Miss Anna Peterson of Gaylord visited at the home of her sister Mrs. Emil Niederer over Christmas.

Mrs. Marius Hanson who has been confined to her home for several weeks with illness, is improving.

Mrs. Andrew Larsen of Johannesburg is spending a few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Bay City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson. Also Carl Johnson is home for the holidays.

A. M. Lewis has sold his drug store in Traverse City that he recently purchased and returned home to Grayling Tuesday. He says his plans for the future are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gannon and three children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smock of Fredric at dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey and daughter Janice and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hagie and children spent Christmas in Gaylord. Miss Janice remained for a few days the others returning home.

Miss Vella Hermann of Port Hope is spending the holidays at the home of her mother Mrs. Anna Hermann. Her sister Mrs. Ollie McLeod met her in Bay City Wednesday and accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson has as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne J. Douglas of Saginaw and Percy Failing, who is attending the U. of M. The latter returned to Ann Arbor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sales of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson over Christmas. The latter also visited Mr. Sales' mother, Mrs. Flagg while here.

Mrs. A. J. Pearsall of Johannesburg is a patient at Grayling Mercy Hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. She is getting along nicely. Mrs. Pearsall will be remembered as Miss Maisie Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Heric motored to East Tawas to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen. The heavy snow of Christmas day necessitated that they leave their auto at that place and return home by rail.

The Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Hospital were the happy recipients of a lovely Christmas gift of an eight-inch Radiola, the donors of which were a number of individuals of Grayling. The Sisters are most grateful for the gift as is shown by the little personal notes of appreciation that have been received by each donor. The instrument was purchased of Frank X. Tetu.

Alva Roberts has sold his meat market to John Huber of Detroit, the latter taking possession Tuesday. Mr. Huber is an experienced market man and we are sure will conduct a first class place. He is German and has been in America less than a year. He says he will specialize in sausages and will offer the public some tempting products in that line. Mr. Roberts says he has not decided just what he will do in the future.

Hans Niederer of this city and Mrs. Ivalyne Harwood of Bay City were united in marriage Tuesday evening, December 23 by Justice O. P. Schumann at the residence of the latter. Miss Mildred Sherman and Thomas Regan witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Niederer left Thursday on a wedding trip to Bay City, Saginaw and other places. They are making their home in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and two daughters Phyllis Jeanne and Betty Lou of Birmingham were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen over Christmas. Also Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lambert of Detroit were guests at the Gierke home. Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Jambert returned to their homes Sunday. Mrs. Rasmussen and children remaining until Wednesday, when they were accompanied by Mrs. Gierke on their return.

Dan McIntyre had an exciting time Monday afternoon when a team belonging to Tony Nelson broke thru the ice at School Section lake while scraping snow off the ice preparatory to cutting ice for Emil Niederer. Both horses were in the water for more than an hour before they could be extricated. Help was secured at the flooring factory and with the work of several men and a rope the animals were hauled out of the water. Little damage was done except for the loss of time.

William Hemmingson at Mercy Hospital received a lot of Christmas cheer from his friends, among which was a gift of \$500 from the members of Grayling Post American Legion. The fine sum was derived from a number of feather parties, part made up from the Legion fund and part received from the Thanksgiving party. The boys took a lot of pleasure in trying to raise the sum in an effort to make "Bill's" Christmas happy, and he was more than pleased with it. Also complimentary from the Post, Bill's membership in the organization for 1926 was a gift. Also the same courtesy was extended Curry Sheehy, who has been laid up with a severe infection in his left leg since last April, but who is getting along nicely and is able to be about with the aid of a cane. The members of the Legion are to be commended for this truly American spirit.

Mrs. Mose Laurant returned Tuesday from Cheboygan, where she was called the middle of last week by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. L. Malenfant, who passed away on Christmas night at 7:30 o'clock at the age of 81 years. She had been in excellent health when Tuesday she suffered a stroke of paralysis and gradually grew weaker each day until the end came. The Malenfant family resided in Grayling previous to 1897. Mrs. Malenfant was a devoted member of the Catholic church and her death brought to close a most useful and exemplary life. The funeral was held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock from St. Charles church, Cheboygan, where the surviving besides Mrs. Laurant are three daughters and two sons, Mrs. S. E. Marsh of Ann Arbor; Mrs. William Devine, Mrs. J. E. Schley, Joseph and Fred Malenfant, Cheboygan.

## Our New Year Wishes

May the blessedness of the Holiday Spirit abide with you and the glorious promise of a bounteous New Year be given unto you.

Grayling is our home; we are a part of this city, and we trust that at all times we have been thoughtful about doing our part in the work of the community. We want to be loyal, and we try to be loyal at all times to the city and to all the people of this community. We want to be able to work and plan wisely for the future welfare of our city.

That is the way we feel about Grayling and Grayling people, and we know that that is the kind of spirit that helps a community to prosper and to grow. When the mantle of 1926 has rolled away, may we find that that has been the best year in our history. And we know that if this is to come true, that we and each of us must do our part. Let us trust that we may look back on the year of 1926 with pride and honor.

## Grayling Mercantile Co.

Dry Goods Clothes Shoes Wearing Apparel  
Phone No. 1251

## Happy New Year!

With the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, we desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have favored us with their patronage.

These manifestations of their confidence are, indeed, most gratifying, and an inspiration to greater effort to be of wholesome service during 1926.

Again we extend to you our best wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year.

EMIL NIEDERER  
Local Ice Dealer

## A Happy New Year to All



Another year is drawing to a close. It is with sincere pleasure that we extend our best wishes to our many friends and patrons, our best wishes for the year 1926. Nothing could please us more to find at the closing of 1925 that all had been happy and that all had bountifully prospered. We hope this may come true.

1925 has been a busy one for us and that is only because of the patronage that has been accorded us. We are duly grateful and trust that we may continue to merit your patronage. We have tried to be courteous and kind to every person who has entered our store; and we have tried to worthily support every honest public effort.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

SORENSEN BROS.

H. Petersen, Grocer  
Phone 25

Grayling Telephone Operators.





## Your Neighbor—the MICHIGAN CENTRAL

You own property, pay taxes, engage in productive work and do your part in promoting the welfare of your community. These are duties and privileges of citizenship.

The Michigan Central likewise owns property, pays taxes, engages in productive work and does its part in promoting the welfare of this and many other communities.

The Michigan Central strives to be a good citizen and a good neighbor. It represents the co-operative effort of thousands of workers and investors, engaged in the public service.

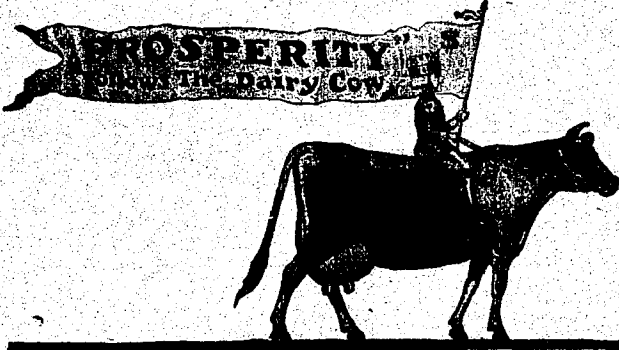
The Michigan Central not only renders a useful and indispensable service as a public carrier, but is a builder of prosperity through five of the most prosperous States of the Nation.



## MICHIGAN CENTRAL

### Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. BAILEY County Agent



"At the head of all the sciences and arts; at the head of all civilization and progress, stands, not militarism, the science that kills; not commerce, the art that accumulates wealth—but agriculture, the mother of all industry, and the maintainer of life."

President, James A. Garfield.

All Hail and Good Cheer!

The old year closes; the new begins. We farmer folks have much of our future comfort, prosperity and happiness in our hands. Things will be to us largely as our mind's attitude is. I am convinced of the truth of what

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says in "The Formula of Success:" One ship drives east, and another drives west.

With the self-same wind that blows. 'Tis the set of the sails, and not the gales.

Which tells us the way they go. "Like the waves of the sea are the ways of fate. As we voyage along through life. 'Tis the SET of the SOUL which decides the goal. And not the calm or the strife." Can Hail Our Way Out. No matter where we are located in

### Hit Your Finger Nail With a Hammer



and it will take NATURE just SIX MONTHS TO GROW A NEW NAIL to replace the injured one. 'TIS THE SAME USUALLY WITH BODILY ILLS; with proper care and less worry, and THE AID OF A SIMPLE HERBAL TONIC, NATURE will do HER part in renewing and rebuilding WORN-OUT, INACTIVE, ABUSED FUNCTIONS.

If you want to feel the thrill of feeling well, happy and strong, commence taking "INDU" today. You have read the praises day by day of your own townspeople (not people living in distant cities, and who may not exist), but your friends and neighbors.

GIVE "INDU" TO YOUR CHILDREN, TAKE "INDU" YOURSELF, SEND "INDU" TO A SICK RELATIVE OR FRIEND OUT-OF-TOWN.

"Stick to 'Indu' For Your Health's Sake"

Take INDU to overcome the condition that causes aching limbs, bilious headaches, backache and side-ache, bowel troubles, catarrh, lagrippe, dyspepsia, neuralgia of head or body, nervous headache, hysteria, indigestion, sleeplessness, lumbago, melancholia, rheumatism, vomiting spells and worry. These are all conditions resulting from functional disorders. INDU is a prominent physician's prescription for the above. Purely herbal-non-alcoholic. \$1.00 per bottle, six bottles for \$5.00. Sold only by Mac & Gidley. The famous Indu Iron Tablets, 25c per package. Sent anywhere upon receipt of price.

Mac & Gidley

The Rexall Store

Phone 18

the county; no matter how near the bottom of the ladder, we can hew our way out if we want to work hard enough.

The man who can't get his mind off for large well-fenced fields can get them.

The man who sees, in his imagination day after day a good barn, filled with choice cattle, with plenty to feed them, is soon going to have that barn and those cattle.

The man who can't get his mind off good fields, good barn, filled with choice cattle, set off by a neat house and pretty door-yard can and will attain them, if he has the spunk to go after them.

A good living, in a well-furnished home, in an attractive house, set off by a pretty dooryard, from which the family can feast their eyes on orchard, grove, and on broad fields, dotted with choice, profitable cattle is within the reach of every farm family that has the intense vision, the unquenchable yearning, the "win or die" determination to have such.

God does not play favorites to let one family have a nice, attractive, prosperous farm home, and condemn another family on the same section of land to poverty, tumble down out-lings, scrub cattle, a barren home and an empty life.

In the great scheme of life there is enough beauty, happiness and abundance for all, if we arouse ourselves and reach out and take these things.

These things must first be in the mind.

Led on and strengthened, day by day, by the burning vision, of things that we passionately want and will almost famish if we do not have, they are attainable by each and every family who have the vision, the intense yearning, and the grit and spunk to follow the vision.

The writer can point to many cases to prove the truth of the above assertions, and will be glad to do so in private conversation.

To some the steps of progress are begun by making poultry a larger and a real business.

To others through market gardening.

To others, through a strawberry bed.

To others, through a larger and better bunch of cows, obtained by better breeding, purchase, or both.

To others, by spraying the orchard.

To others, by determining to be more open minded; to take in and use better information and method heretofore ignored or scorned.

To others, by shaking off old habits of mind and body, and rising from the ashes of the old to a newer and better manhood.

To attain these better things, one must first want them desperately, and night, see himself possessing and using them, and be ever ready to follow the guiding star of his hope relentlessly, never taking his eye from it, willing to endure all things to attain it.

One may have to double or treble his butter customers.

Another may have to improve the quality of his butter, and his care in feeding, and in handling the milk.

Another may have to buy lime.

Another may have to buy alfalfa.

Another may have to keep bees.

Another may simply need to become a better manager of the things he has—less slack.

Another may win summer success by winter planning.

Another may get just the suggestion he needs by a talk with the county agent, who has probably been studying that very farm and family, and has likely made up his mind what is the matter there.

The first law of gain is desire.

The formula for Success is Believe. You who read this, have seen men accomplish the seemingly impossible. You have wondered "What is the power that gives new life to their dying ambitions, that gives them a new start on the road to success?"

That Power is BELIEF—Faith.

Someone, something, gave them a new belief in themselves, and a new faith in their power to win, and they leaped ahead and wrested success from seemingly certain defeat.

Confidence is the mother of success, whether in a prize fight or in winning a fine farm home.

You can do anything you think you can.

You set your own limit.

Common ability coupled with undying grit and spunk has accomplished and can again accomplish, unbelievable things, right here, and now.

Let's not talk or think any more about being born to poverty, or about "We must creep before we can walk," or "No Chance," or "The world is against us."

We may have to "Creep before we walk," but, we do not need to creep all our lives. There is a time to walk, and this is many times as long as our creeping time.

Plan. The more mind does, the more it can do.

If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win, but you think you can't, it's a cinch you won't.

The one and only thing we have to win success with is Mind.

As Robert Collier Says: "Are your surroundings discouraging? Do you feel that if you were in another's place success would be easier? Just bear in mind that your real environment is within you. All the factors of success or failure are in your inner world. You make that inner world, and, through it, Your Outer World. You can choose the material you want to rebuild it. The you have not chosen wisely in the past, you can choose again now the material you want to rebuild it. The richness of life is within you.

Ask no man permission to do. Begin! Accomplish."

### Getting Up Nights

Is One of Nature's Danger Signals. A Healthy Bladder Does Not Act at Night.

Irritation, excessive acidity or abnormal deposits may be the cause. It needs cleansing. Lithiated Buchu (Keller Formula) acts on the kidneys and bladder as Epsom Salts on the bowels. R. D. Neblett, 10 Oak St., Battle Creek, Mich., says: "For three years I have had to get up three times at night. Lithiated Buchu (Keller Formula) helped me in two days. I now do heavy work." It isn't a patent medicine. The formula is on the label. Sold by leading druggists or Keller Laboratory, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Locally at Mac & Gidley's, Druggists.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

### HEADS NOTED CLUB



Mrs. Hadley, wife of Representative Lindley H. Hadley of Washington, is now president of the Congressional club, an organization of women in official life in Washington which plays the leading role in congressional society.

### CONGRESS TO TAKE UP MAJOR QUESTIONS

Solons Take 13-Day Vacation Before Resuming Work.

Washington.—Congress began a 13-day vacation. It will return to take up several major questions, the groundwork for the consideration of which was laid during the first two weeks of the session.

The senate, when it reconvenes, will first take up the adherence of the United States to the World court, debate on which already has been begun.

The senate finance committee will start work at once on the new tax bill, which it is hoped to have enacted by March 1. The senate passed one major measure during the first two weeks, a bill to establish a department of civilian aeronautics in the Department of Commerce and enacted several minor measures.

The house spent a busy two weeks passing the tax bill and preparing for a vote on the treasury post office bill immediately after the holidays. It also found time for extended debate on the liquor question, with the drys winning the first test vote.

Major issues which will be faced in the two houses when they return are taxes, the World court, disarmament, the rubber and coffee price situations, debt settlements and appropriation bills.

### Resigns From Marines; Ousted by Philadelphia

Philadelphia.—After Brig. Gen. Smedley M. Butler had sent in his resignation as an officer of the marine corps so that he could remain as public service director of Philadelphia, Mayor Kendrick requested General Butler's resignation as service director.

The general was relieved of his duties at once. Mayor Kendrick told General Butler that he did not want him "as a resigned officer," and declared that he did not want to take action that might be misunderstood by President Coolidge. It is understood that efforts will be made by marine corps heads to have General Butler reconsider his resignation.

### Labor Head Warns of Fascism Menace to U. S.

Washington.—Organized labor—6,000,000 members of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor—and the country generally are warned against the growing menace of Italian Fascist propaganda at work in the United States in a bulletin issued by William Green, president of the federation.

The bulletin, as smashing a blow at Fascism as was the federation's declaration against communism in 1923, is addressed to 110 national and international unions, 1,000 city central bodies, 43 state federations of labor, and 35,000 local unions.

### Dawes Asks to Be Dropped as Brigadier General

Washington.—Vice President Dawes requested President Coolidge to withdraw his nomination to continue as a brigadier general in the Officers' Reserve corps, taking the view that the vice president should not hold such high rank. The President acceded to his request.

Among the points made by Mr. Dawes was that his duties as a brigadier general, placing him at the call of the War department, might conflict with his duties as vice president.

### Iowa Farmers Store Corn

Des Moines, Ia.—Secretary of Agriculture Thorburn declared that 150,000 bushels of corn had been sealed in warehouses in the state and farmers are borrowing from 40 to 45 cents a bushel on the warehouse certificates.

### Coal Brings Cent a Pound

Boston.—A large firm operating 12 distributing stations here is offering anthracite coal at one cent a pound to cash and carry customers who bring their own hods.

### Don't Forget That

"Love," says a writer, "is the tyrant of the heart; it darkens reason, confounds discretion, deaf to counsel it runs a headlong course to desperate madness." Yes, yes, and as a rule ends in marriage and a large bunch of children.—New Orleans States.

### Women Students Excel

According to university authorities in Spain, the work of women students is more brilliant than that of men.

### WHAT PRICE HEALTH



### HEALTH

VALUE of health may not be reckoned in dollars and cents. Two thousand years ago there was perhaps some excuse for the gastronome, but today there is none. The way to health lies in a balanced diet. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, figured along the same lines back 450 B. C. He expressed the belief that the science of medicine had its beginning in the efforts of men and women to find better and smoother diets.

Diet in the home today is becoming a matter of premier consideration. Women are taking cognizance of those important food elements known as vitamins. They have learned, also, the benefit to the human body of such minerals as iron, calcium and phosphorus.

This knowledge has resulted in the housewife planning her menus with an eye open to dietary values, which is the big reason why milk has assumed such a large place in the menu of the American family. Milk contains every structural element for body building. It is an almost perfect food. Despite the best refrigeration facilities, milk will keep sweet only a short time. Millions of American housewives have solved this big problem by using evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in cans to achieve-keeping qualities and with sixty per cent of the water removed.

Evaporated milk is not the same as condensed milk, although many persons confuse the two. The condensed product is a combination of milk and sugar cane in a two-fifth cane sugar and three-fifth milk proportion. Evaporated milk has nothing but water taken from it and nothing at all added.

Sugar is the preservative used in manufacturing the condensed product, while heat only is the preservative for evaporated milk. For this reason the evaporated product may be used in any way in which market milk is used.

Fudge Making Finds Favor With Co-Eds

Fudge may be dressed with pie as a typical American dish. It has a place in every young man's heart and every girl's category of accomplishments. Co-eds swear by fudge and "fudge shines" in sorority parlors are the very latest wrinkle in collegiate circles.

There's a big wallop in a platter of fudge, the co-eds explain, because it's one of the greatest sources of energy, containing both milk, the "perfect food," and sugar.

If you've any doubt of the place fudge occupies in the young male heart, try these recipes on him and hear his own answer. Each of the appended dishes was prepared by Miss Meta Given, doing research work in the home economics department of the University of Chicago, and they are the result of much experimentation.

### Chocolate Fudge

2 cups sugar 2 squares choco-  
1/4 cup evaporated milk 1/2 cup shredded  
1/4 cup water 1/2 cup butter  
1 tsp. corn sirup 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Shave the chocolate so that it will melt more easily. Add the sugar, salt, milk, water and corn sirup. Cook, stirring until chocolate and sugar are melted, and then only occasionally to prevent burning, until the soft ball stage is reached, or a temperature of 234 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove from fire and add the butter. Cool until almost lukewarm, 110 degrees, add flavoring and beat vigorously until when a little is dropped from the spoon it will hold its shape. Pour into oiled tins and mark in squares.

### Cocoanut Candy

1/4 cup sugar 1 tsp. butter  
1/4 cup evaporated milk 1/2 cup shredded  
1/4 cup water 1/2 cup vanilla

Put butter into granite saucepan; when melted, add sugar, milk and water, and stir until sugar is dissolved. Heat to boiling, and cook to the soft ball stage. Remove from fire, add cocoanut and vanilla, cool to 110 degrees Fahrenheit and beat until creamy and mixture begins to sugar slightly around edge of pan. Pour into buttered pan and when cool mark in squares.

### Penuche

2 cups brown or maple sugar 1 tsp. butter  
1/4 cup evaporated milk 1/2 cup shredded  
1/4 cup water 1/2 cup vanilla

Roll sugar, milk and water to the soft ball stage. Remove from the fire, add butter, flavoring and nuts. Cool to 110 degrees Fahrenheit, then beat until creamy and thickened; pour into a greased tin and when firm cut.

### READY TO COLLECT TAXES.

The tax roll is now in my hands and I will be ready to collect taxes beginning December 7th. My office will be in the office of the county treasurer, and open from 8 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 9 p. m. Please bring your old tax receipt.

Carl J. Jensen, Treasurer Grayling Twp.

### Mountain Really Overlooked

It depends on where a thing is whether it is important. Between San Francisco and Honolulu there is a mountain 5,033 feet high, but it does not attract any attention, because there are 2,000 feet of water covering its peak. It has been discovered in charting the bed of the Pacific ocean.

### Home Town Philosopher

"The mighty request of the evangelist for all Christians to stand has been given," says the South Pioneer, "and as Bill Bowman painfully rose he growled, 'Aw, why couldn't he count us settin' down?'"—Atlanta Constitution.

### Temporary CHANGE in Office Hours

Until further notice the

Chiropractic Office

will be open on

Monday, Wednesday

and Friday, only,

from 2 to 5, and 7 to 8

p. m. Other hours and

Sundays by appointment.

R. E. Goslow, D.C.

OVER AVALANCHE OFFICE

PHONE NO. 361.

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of a certain mortgage executed by Joseph F. Beach and May Beach to Frank Smith, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, on October 18th, 1924 in Liber 1 of mortgages on page 378, which mortgage was dated October 14, 1924. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of three hundred thirty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$338.85) and attorney's fee as stipulated in said mortgage and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law to recover the debt now claimed to be due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises hereinafter described by virtue of the power of the sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be made at public auction at the front door of the Court House in the Village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held) on the thirteenth day of February, 1926, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage is as follows:

The west half of southwest quarter (W 1/2 of SW 1/4) of section eight (8), town twenty-five (25), north, range three west (3W).

Dated November 18, 1925.

Merle F. Nellist, Mortgagee.

Attorney for Mortgagee, Grayling, Michigan. 11-19-13

### ORDER ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1925, PROHIBITING TROLLING FROM A MOTOR BOAT ON THE INLAND LAKES OF THE STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1926.

STATE OF MICHIGAN) County of Ingham ) S.S.

The Director of Conservation having made a thorough investigation of conditions relative to fishing in the inland lakes of the State, recommends that the trolling from motor boats be prohibited.

THHEREFORE, the Conservation Commission by authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from the 1st day of January, 1926, it shall be unlawful for any person to troll for any kind of fish in the inland lakes of the State, from a boat propelled by gas, naphtha, or any other motive power, excepting sail, under penalty provided by section 5 of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925.

Signed, sealed and ordered published this 21st day of September, 1925.

JOHN BAIRD, Director Department of Conservation.

W. H. Wallace, Chairman, Edward Cochran, Secretary 12-3-3

### PROBATE NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the Village of Grayling in said county, on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1925.

Present, Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Wolf, deceased.

George Wolf, a son of said deceased, having filed in said court his petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of his death the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered that the fourth day of January, A. D. 1926, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

A true copy, George Sorenson, Judge of Probate. 12-10-3

### Where to Stop in Detroit

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### PROBATE COURT

Crawford County, Mich. Sessions—First and Third Mondays of every month.

Hours: 9:00 to 11:00 a. m., and 1:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Any information and first Proceedings in connection with this Court will be had at my office at Sorenson Bros.

GEORGE SORENSON Judge of Probate.

### BANK OF GRAYLING

Successor to Crawford County Exchange Bank.

MARIUS HANSON Proprietor